

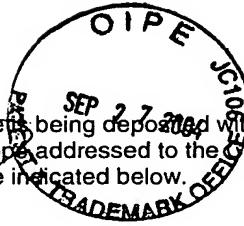
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**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97(C)(1)**

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:

United States Patent No. 5,342,797 (Sapp et al.), dated August 30, 1994;

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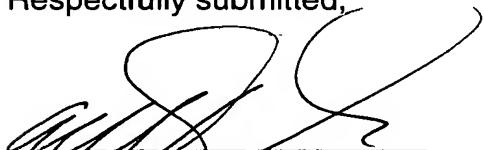
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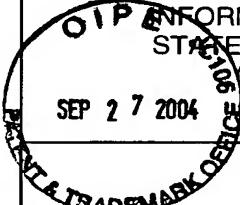
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